

5. (Amended) A polarization film produced from the polyvinyl alcohol film of claim

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Please cancel Claim 4.

Please add the following new Claims 6-19:

6. (New) The polyvinyl alcohol film according to claim 1, wherein the film comprises a polyvinyl alcohol polymer obtained by polymerizing vinyl ester monomers and optionally, monomers copolymerizable therewith, and hydrolyzing vinyl ester groups of said polymer.

7. (New) The polyvinyl alcohol film according to claim 1, wherein the polyvinyl alcohol of the polyvinyl alcohol film has an average polymerization degree of at least 500.

8. (New) The polyvinyl alcohol film according to claim 1, wherein the polyvinyl alcohol of the polyvinyl alcohol film has a degree of hydrolysis of at least 90 mol%.

9. (New) The polyvinyl alcohol film according to claim 1, wherein the polyvinyl alcohol film contains a polyhydric alcohol plasticizer.

10. (New) The polyvinyl alcohol film according to claim 1, wherein the polyvinyl alcohol film contains a non-ionic surfactant.

11. (New) The polyvinyl alcohol film according to claim 10, wherein the polyvinyl alcohol film additionally contains an anionic surfactant.

12. (New) The polyvinyl alcohol film according to claim 10, wherein the surfactant is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 2 parts by weight, based on 100 parts by weight of polyvinyl alcohol.

13. (New) The polyvinyl alcohol film according to claim 11, wherein the surfactant is present in an amount of from 0.02 to 1 part by weight, based on 100 parts by weight of polyvinyl alcohol.

14. (New) The polyvinyl alcohol film according to claim 1, wherein a film material containing polyvinyl alcohol used in producing the polyvinyl alcohol film has a volatile component factor of from 50 to 90% by weight.

15. (New) The polyvinyl alcohol film according to claim 1, wherein the polyvinyl alcohol film is discharged from the drum by use of a die of a flexible lip method integrally molded and having no residence portion.

16. (New) The polarization film according to claim 5, wherein the polyvinyl alcohol film has been subjected to monoaxial stretching using a roll stretching method utilizing a difference in speed between rolls.

17. (New) The polarization film according to claim 16, wherein the thickness of the film after stretching is 3 to 75 μm .

18. (New) The polarization film according to claim 5, wherein a protective film has been laminated on each surface or on one surface of the polarization film.

19. (New) A liquid crystal display containing the polarization film according to claim

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DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended by replacing the abbreviation "TD" with its meaning, i.e., --transverse--. Claim 4 has been cancelled, since it does not limit Claim 1. Claim 5 has been amended, in effect, to be dependent on Claim 1.

New Claims 6-19 have been added to claim various disclosed embodiments. These claims are supported in the specification as follows: Claim 6 at page 4, last two full paragraphs; Claim 7 at page 6, first full paragraph; Claim 8 at page 6, second full paragraph; Claim 9 at the paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7; Claim 10 at the paragraph bridging pages 7